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Gentlemen I was Infarmed Last Evening of a Small Party of men that
Strolled Down to Dorchester Neck & ware fireing at mark a man of wars
Boats Came along & Fired on them upon which They Returned the fire
then the Ships Fired Sum Swivels & altho the Distance was Great they
Fired Toward her Immediately on hearing this I Issued orders that None
of the offiser or Soldier for the future Go on Dorchester Neck without ~~[illegible]~~
Liberty obtained from the Commanding offiser & you may Depend on it
Gentlemen that all Possible Care will be Taken on my Part to Preserve
order but you must think these men who are not Inlisted & that Come
Down in Such a maner that it is Extreemely Difficult to Preserve that order
at Present which I Should be Glad to Doe

as to the other Complaint you mention it is without foundation I
have Strictly adheered to the Resolve of Congress there has bin No Person
Ever Stoped or Detained in this Camp that have Come out agreeable to the
Resolve of Congress as to my Giveing Protection to these Person you Send out
of Town it is not in the power of any one any further then threw the Guard
it Cant be Suppose that I Can Send Guard threw the Province I have
allways offered Protection threw the Incampment & if They wer so obnoctious at
there one Town where they belonged that they ware affraid to Proseed I would
Give them a Pass to Return to Boston which Some have Chosen the one &
Sum the other I have allways & are Determined to folow the Direction of
Congress in this matter

I have had advice from Sum of the member of Congress
that by there Resolve the Refugees in Town are not to Pass into the
Country & Return into the Town but may Send for there Effects & Shall
have all the Protection I Can Give Them but I Cant Consistent with the
Safety of the Camp admit of there Constant Passing & Repassing

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To the Select Men of Boston

J. L. Whitney
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